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dug some sweet potatoes and asked who would go with me to Kalabahi to sell them. Those two said they were going to sell betel catkins and we could go together. [Question.] We were about the same age. [Was your mother angry or worried at your long stay?] Mother asked, "Why were you gone so long?" So I told her what had happened. Mother asked what I had bought. I said I had bought cloth. Mother said, "Oh, I was angry because I thought you would come back empty-handed." [Was it your first cloth?] No. For my first shawl I pounded rice and Lonpada took it to Likuwatang, where she exchanged it for cloth while I cared for her son. That first shawl was worth one rupiah and twenty-five cents. Lonpada had given me this rice to pound in the first place. [Did you spend all your rupiah and a half on cloth in Kalabahi?] Yes, I spent it all on a shawl for myself. The sweet potatoes brought only five cents, and I spent those to buy cassava to eat while we worked. [Did you work for the policeman because you wanted to?] We didn't want to because we were afraid of being hungry. He carried a stick and we were afraid he might hit us if we stopped at midday when the sun was hot. We didn't want to work, but we were afraid not to.

After I had worked in Kalabahi I stayed home about one week and then went back to sell some more things. On the way home we stopped at Benleleng, and there were boys there who said, "Let's play cards." They were Nicolas and Djetmani. There were three girls—I, Kalara, and Fulfani. [All unmarried boys and girls.] The boys knew how to play cards, but we didn't yet. We put our money down and they took it all. Then we fought about it. We spent the night there and went on home in the early morning. As we walked they asked for water and areca, but we wouldn't give them any. We said, "If you want water, pay for it." When we got back to Laling Mountain, the boys said "We had better give them some of this back." So they gave each of us one cent. We had each lost fifteen cents.

When we got home, we said, "When we play cards, the men take our money. Let us go into the field and play with corn and beans as money so we can learn how." The boys gave us the lower cards of the pack and they kept the face cards. We girls played together in the fields, betting with food, and if we were lucky we would even bet our bracelets and anklets. [Do you still gamble?] No, I don't want to play cards any more. When a girl is single she can, but when she marries she doesn't want to any more.